(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Government do not propose to issue fresh directions to Government offices and Defence to purchase from National Textile Corporation.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The instructions issued by the Government in December, 1983 making Central Government Department obligatory to purchase from NTC on Single Tender Scheme exists. In the case of purchase by Defence, the Single Tender Scheme has withdrawn in November, 1990. Revised instructions are not being considered in view of specific requirements of Defence.

Closure of Textile Mills in Bombay

917. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than seventy thousand workers have been rendered jobless due to the closure of textile mills in Bombay;

(b) the arrangements made to give them alternative jobs;

(c) whether the Government propose to allow these mills to be run on co-operative basis by workers;

(d) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) As on 31.1.92, 18275 workers have been affected due to closure of 7 cotton/man-made fibre textile mills in Bombay.

(b) Govt. has no scheme to provide alternative employment to affected workers. However, Govt. have Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) to provide relief to workers affected by closure of mills so that they are able to get alternative employment.

(c) and (d). If the workers offer to run the mills by forming a co-operative, in principle, the Govt. will have no objection.

(e) Does not arise in view of 'c & 'd' above.

New Branches of Foreign Banks

918. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE;
SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI:
SHRI RABI RAY:

Will the Minster of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some leading foreign banks have moved in, in a big way to set-up representative offices and branches in the country;

(b) if so, the names of such banks which have so far made applications in this regard;

(c) whether the foreign banks are achieving better results as compared to the nationalised banks and the growth of deposits of foreign banks has been much more than the nationalised banks;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Reserve Bank of India has finalised guidelines about new branches of foreign banks in the country;

(f) if so, the details in this regard;

(g) whether India shall also be allowed